

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

COMPLETE LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-20 : (Canceled)

Claim 21 : (New) A method of manufacturing a shoe, comprising the steps of:

- a) inserting a sheet of fabric material into an injection mold;
- b) injecting a curable, flowable, thermoplastic material into the mold into contact with the sheet of fabric material for bonding therewith upon curing to form an integrated fabric-thermoplastic part;
- c) removing the integrated fabric-thermoplastic part from the mold; and
- d) independently attaching a shoe upper to the integrated fabric-thermoplastic part at a site remote from the mold.

Claim 22 : (New) The method of claim 21; and further comprising the step of cutting the sheet of fabric material into a predetermined shape prior to performing the inserting step.

Claim 23 : (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the injecting step includes preheating the mold.

Claim 24 : (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the injecting step includes heating thermoplastic pellets to form the flowable, thermoplastic material.

Claim 25 : (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the attaching step is performed by non-moldably attaching the upper to the integrated fabric-thermoplastic part.

Claim 26 : (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the attaching step is performed at a region of the integrated fabric-thermoplastic part that is not covered by the fabric material.

Claim 27 : (New) The method of claim 26, wherein the fabric material is exposed at an outer surface of the integrated fabric-thermoplastic part, and wherein the attaching step is performed at an inner surface of the integrated fabric-thermoplastic part remotely from said outer surface.

Claim 28 : (New) The method of claim 21; and further comprising inserting another sheet of fabric material into the injection mold, and wherein the injecting step is performed by injecting the thermoplastic material into contact with both sheets of fabric material for respective bonding therewith, both sheets being spaced apart.

Claim 29 : (New) The method of claim 21; and further comprising the steps of inserting the integrated fabric-thermoplastic part into another mold, injecting a curable, flowable thermoplastic material into the other mold into contact with the integrated fabric-thermoplastic part for bonding therewith upon curing to form an outsole, and removing the outsole from the other mold.

Claim 30 : (New) The method of claim 29; and further comprising the step of forming an annular gap surrounding the integrated fabric-thermoplastic part in the outsole.

Claim 31 : (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the thermoplastic material injected into both molds is the same material.

Claim 32 : (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the outsole has an outer surface which contacts the ground over a ground-engaging area, and wherein the fabric material is exposed at the outer surface over an area at least half of the ground-engaging area.